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Nebuchadnezzar;

Or, A Strange

DREAM

OF THE

States-General:

With the Interpretation thereof.

And a famous Prophecy of Mr. Powel, Writ in the first Year of the Reign of Queen ELIZABETH of ever blessed Memory; Fore telling the great Warrs betwixt *England*, *France*, and *Holland*, this present *Year*, 1666. And the displaying of the English Ensigns upon the French Coast; with a great Battel to be fought on the Tenth Day of *June* next, wherein the English shall become Victorious, and twelve French Lords, and many thousands of their men to be killed in this Engagement.

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The Dutch Nebuchadnezzar.

I *Nebuchadnezzar*, was at rest in my House, and flourishing in my Palace, I saw a Dream which did very much affright me, and the Visions of my Head troubled me; I saw a Star of an extraordinary Magnitude coming forth out of the Southern Meridian, which appeared first in the Constellation of VIRGO, and there continued some time; its face was as that of the Flaming Fire in the Burning Bush, which belched forth its angry Rays in great furie, as far as the Tail of the DRAGON, above Thirty One Degrees, which contains many Thousand miles; it was incompassed with many smaller Stars, having its Beams sometimes divided, sometimes obscured by dark and gloomy Clouds, its Influence seemed to be upon Me and Our Provinces, which as it was horrible, and dismal in it self, so was it rendred much more ominous by these sad and dreadful Clouds which always incompassed it. After this there appeared another Star of a far more pleasant and delightful Countenance; but this disdainfully turning its Face from Me, cast its more benigne Rays towards the East. This is the Vision which J. De-wit, Hollands Nebuchadnezzar, saw in the last Moneth of the Year, 166[illegible].

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The English Daniel's *Interpretation:*

THE Dream be to them that hate Thee, and the Interpretation thereof to Thine Enemies, *High and Mighty Provinces*, Thou wert at rest in thy House, and flourishing in thy Palace: The Star appeared first in the Constellation of *Virgo*, because the Heavens hitherto have been propitious to Thee, and favourably smiled upon all thy Undertakings: But now because thou hast been as a wanton *Heffer* swerving from the way of the Lord, and because thy Pride hath ascended up to Heaven it self, designing to be like the *Most Highest*, Thou alone intrenching upon *Divine Omnipotency*, in that *haughty Title*, (which other Princes blush to assume) *High and Mighty*. Therefore know, thy Impieties are now at the height, and the Face of that Star which Thou sawest as the Flames of Fire which came from the Burning Bush, (*for the Anger of the Lord is kindled against thee*) shall humble and crush Thee in pieces; That thou mayst know that the most High ruleth over all the Earth, whose Laws and Precepts Thou hast so contumaciously despised. Moreover, that Thou sawest the Rays of that Star extend themselves to the utmost of Thy Dominions, Thou hast well seen; for the Lord shall shower down his Vengeance upon Thee, by the Force of all the Princes of the Universe, whom Thou hast too often provoked; They shall put a Ring in thy Nostrils, bring Thee back by the way the which thou camest; their strength shall be Lord over thee.

The *English Cross* shall fall upon thee, because thou wert a President for the shedding of that Royal Blood, which to

to this day calls to Heaven for Vengeance and afterwards refused to protect his innocent Off-spring, when flying from the Cruelty of an Usurping Sword, thou banishedst out of thy Territories.

The *Hesperian Lyon*, viz. *the Spaniard*, shall also whet his Teeth upon Thee, and once more repossess himself of that Right and Dominion, which by the *Sword of Rebellion* Thou hast so long detained from him; *God shall put the Yoak of Bondage upon thy Neck, and make void that Treaty of Peace, which neither thy Worth nor Gratitude, can longer merit.*

Those *Lilies* which so long have been both pleasant and profitable to Thee, shall now wax pale and wither before thine Eyes; they have had too long Experience of thy Fraud and Arrogance, and now shall prove *Thorns* in thy side, that all men may clap their hands and hiss at Thee, saying, *Where are thy Gods and Naval Forces in whom thou didst put thy trust.*

The *German Eagle* shall gripe Thee in his Talons, and take thee for his prey, dividing thy whole Dominions to his Princes and Allies, because thou hast contemned His Majesty, divided his strength, and unjustly refusedst to restore what was violently taken from Him. Remember how ready Thou hast been to assist the *Assyrians*, all those that have opposed Him; how didst thou help the *Bavarian*, incite the *Saxon*, and force Count *Mansfield* into thy Service. *In fine*, Thy power and riches have been always ready to encourage and assist His greatest Enemies.

The *Northern Kings* will not be more propitious to Thee, for that Thou hast always sown *Seeds of Discord* amongst them, and by thy wicked Policies and Contri-

vances, haſt been the cauſe that ſo much innocent blood hath been ſhed on either ſide.

The Duke of *Brandenburgh* with his *Fellow-Electors*, ſhall ſit heavy upon Thee, and take this occaſion to revenge themſelves upon that Fraud and Hypocriſie, that Pride and Covetouſneſs which now ſhall be laid open to all the World. The Biſhop of *Colen*, and Duke of *Bavaria*, will now make bold not onely to recover their own, but diveſt thee of all thoſe borrowed Plumes, which Thou by Force and Injuſtice haſt taken from others.

The *Weſtphalian Courſer* ſhall prance over thy Fields, and feed in thy Paſtures, becauſe thou didſt incite his Subjects againſt their Liege Lord, and counſelled them to tread in thoſe ſteps of *Treaſon* and *Rebellion*, wherein Thou haſt gone before: And not regarding his Function, which is a Biſhop annointed with Holy Oil, and conſecrated unto the Lord, thy Malevolent Tongue hath aſperſed His Perſon with opprobrious Names, and inhumane Calumnies, and ſuch like Provocations, for which thou muſt expect to be called to an account, but moſt of all for lifting up thy Hand againſt Him, and thirſting after His Innocent Blood. And as thou didſt ſee the Rays of the Star divided by divers thick and dark Clouds, behold, ſo ſhall thy Dominions be divided, and given to thy Enemies; and becauſe thou truſtedſt in thy Sword, and in thy Armour, in the ſtrength of thine own Hands, and in the abundance of thy Riches; *therefore behold, thy Territories ſhall be deſtroyed and brought to nothing; and as thou art become a roaring Lion, and has learnt to take thy Prey as a devouring Wolf, ſo ſhalt thou become a Prey to others.*

Remember what Evils thou haſt brought upon *Jeruſalem*, the Church of God, by making *Religion* it ſelf a groſs

gross piece of Hypocrisie, all thy Devotion being as a to Masque conceal the Pharisaisme of thy Heart, thy Ambition, Covetousness, or some such impious Design; and the Charity of other People, intended to Holy Purposes, have been by thee transferred to Worldly and Sacrilegious Uses.

And as Thou didst see the Star incompassed with a dark and gloomy Cloud, behold, *Thou hast made others to lament, and Lamentation shall be thy end; thou shalt mourn, none shall pity thee.*

And as Thou didst see another Star more beautiful and higher then the former, which turned her Face and Rays from Thee towards the *East*; behold, the Lord shall forsake thee, and turn away the Face of his Countenance, and make thy Enemies to rejoyce over thee, because in the pride of thy Heart thou hast said, *I am comely, and prideſt thy self in the beauty of thy Palaces, and in the abundance of thy Wealth, and there is no end of thy Arrogance; therefore the Beauty of thy Countenance shall fail, and the Lord shall curse the comeliness of thy Face; thy Dominions shall be laid waſt before thine Eyes, and another shall take possession thereof; therefore thou shalt be left desolate, as a Shade in the Vineyard, and as a Tyle upon the House-Top, and as a City which is laid waſte.*

All these Evils shall come upon Thee, O proud *Holland*; because thus saith the Lord, *I have begun, and I will perfect my Work.*

A famous Prophecy, touching the downfal of *Great Britain's* Enemies, having some Coherence with the precedent Interpretation, I shall here recite, *considering the great Concern it hath in these times, and the memorable effects and influences impending upon this years Revolution, as first, a great Overthrow to be given to the* French, *about the tenth of* June *next, and three great Battels to be fought before* Christmas *betwixt the* French *and* English: *Together with a great Overthrow to the* Dutch, *Prophetically foretold by* Jeremiah Powel *in the Reign of Queen* Elizabeth, *and now presented to publike view, according to the Original, in these words following.*

WHen *One* and three times *Six* do meet,
To reckon for the Year;
The Bloody *English* Colours shall
On the *French* Coast appear.
June 10. When *Sol* in *Cancer* enters first,
On that same very Day,
The *Ensigns* of these mighty Foes
Shall in the Field display.
Twelve Noble Lords that day shall fall,
With thousands by their *side*;
And then the *Fates* end and begin
Th French *and* English *Pride*.
Three Battels more ere *Christmas Eve*,
The Lillies fight and lose:
Then Peace ensues, and puts an End
Unto the Subjects Woes.
Then *High* and *Mighty* look about,
Your Wooden and Stone-Wall
Shall not defend you; But shall then
Begin to *sink and fall*.

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